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SUBJECT:KIDNAPPING OF SEARS ROEBUCK EXECUTIVE DONALD

E. COOPER

REF: (A) BOGOTA 7397; (B) BOGOTA 7436

1. APPRECIATE PROMPT AND DETAILED REPORT OF KIDNAPPING.
DEPARTMENT OF COURSE REGRETS AND DEPLORES THIS LATEST
INSTANCE OF LAWLESS VIOLENCE DIRECTED AGAINST US CITIZEN
IN A FRIENDLY COUNTRY.

2. WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH GALLAGHER AT SEARS AND UNDER-
STAND COMPANY HAS SENT EXECUTIVE TO BE WITH COOPER FAMILY
IN NEBRASKA. DOES PARA 2 BOGOTA 7397 STILL PREVAIL IN
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SENSE OF PREFERENCE THAT WE NOT BE IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH

FAMILY?

3. ANOTHER SEARS EXECUTIVE HAS ALSO PROCEEDED WITHOUT PUBLICITY TO BOGOTA AND WE ASSUME YOU WILL BE IN CLOSE AND CONTINUING TOUCH WITH HIM AND FRED LEISERING.

4. CA-775, A-4708 AND A-4709 PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON HANDLING OF KIDNAPPING AND OTHER TERRORIST INCIDENTS. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THESE GUIDELINES BE FOLLOWED, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO DEALINGS WITH THE PRESS.

5. PLEASE REPORT PROMPTLY ALL DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS CASE WITH YOUR ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. INCLUDED SHOULD BE REPORTS OF (A) CONTACTS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOC CONCERNING THE KIDNAPPING, (B) MEASURES WHICH THE GOC HAS TAKEN OR IS PLANNING IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE WHEREABOUTS OF COOPER AND ASSURE HIS SAFE RELEASE, AND (C) EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS, COORDINATED WITH THE GOC AND SEARS, ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS ASPECTS OF THE CASE. KISSINGER

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